(d) Some of the important steps taken to reduce accidents are:

(i) induction of technical devices to aid human element;

(ii) monitoring the performance of staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station master etc.;

(iii) intensive training of staff in operational categories;

(iv) intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations;

(v) provision of whistle boards/ speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers; and

(vi) monitoring of maintenance of assets.

Forgery of rail tickets in Rajasthan

371. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some railway clerks were held for forgery of rail tickets in Rajasthan, if so, the steps taken to prevent the occurrence of such incident;

(b) whether Government has strengthened its security vigil in areas where such rail tickets racket is going on;

(c) Whether Government propose to hand over this case to the CBI for a thorough probe into the whole matter; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Recently at Delhi Main Station of Northern Railway a case of sale of forged rail tickets was detected in connection with which a non-railwayman of Rajasthan was arrested by GRP at Delhi and on his disclosure two more arrests of non-railwaymen of his gang were made at Jaipur. Three Booking Clerks of Old Delhi Railway Station have also been suspended by Northern Railway in this case.

(b) Yes, Sir. Strict vigil is being kept on the sensitive spots and areas.

(c) and (d) Since thorough probe is already being made by GRP, there is no proposal to hand over the case to CBI.

Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin to Bangalore

372. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin (New Delhi) and Bangalore has been introduced;

(b) what is the composition of the classes in this train, whether some bogies for ordinary general public who cannot afford to travel in airconditioned bogies have been provided in this train;

(c) what is the total passengers capacity of this train; and

(d) what is the approximate running time of this train between the two destination and the speed thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One AC-I, two AC-II sleepers, five AC Chair Cars, one Dininig Car and two Power Cars. Provision of non-airconditioned coaches by high speed Rajdhani trains is not desirable due to noise and dust nuisance.

(c) 458.

(d) Approximately 36 hours with average speed of 67 Kmph.